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The November meeting was held on the 21st - present were 5450 Dick Howlett, 6303 Peter Nortje, 6604 John Gold, 7012 Mike King, 7432 Will Keys, 8868 Ian Daniels, 28014Z Mike Hayes and Frank Gutteridge. Apologies were received from 4727 Mike Edden, 5757 Ian Milton, 6278 Gerry Dyer, 6969 Billy Budd and Goofy Lawrence.

Mike Edden, who has to remain housebound for 6 weeks after his hip operation, celebrated his 82\textsuperscript{nd} birthday today and the members sent him a birthday card.

Des Howse, Secretary of the Natal Branch sent a box of Police shirts ordered by members to Mike and Peter Nortje kindly collected the shirts due to the OFC this morning. Later John Gold brought the cash payments to Mike and then took the rest of the shirts to the post office for posting to members in far-flung Queensland. The one clear message from this exercise is that shirts marked XL in Australia bear no relation to those in South Africa and at least one member Gerry Dyer ordered a size too large. John Gold, for some strange reason, missed out on the ordering and will probably take Gerry’s off him when Gerry returns from the USA, where he and Wendy flew to this morning.

Mike Hayes told the gathering about his recent trip to Africa and the deterioration he had noticed since his last visit.

There has been some recent discussion over the Qld Branch network about Australians forming a new political party – The Seniors Party, Mike forwarded his views that Seniors had strong leadership qualities amongst them in their active lives and that this experience couldn’t be any worse than the current crop of pollies. Ian Daniel in an email suggested that Seniors should join an established party and take it over by force of numbers. Either way, something needs to be done to improve the governing of this country and the same principle could be applied elsewhere – stop borrowing!

John Gold in his chat to Mike suggested that Members might like to make the December gathering a luncheon as well as a coffee morning.

STORIES FROM MEMBERS

There were none available this month.

Best wishes

Mike Edden ADMINISTRATOR

21 November 2012.